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# Cemetery License Revocation

**RICHMOND** – The Virginia Cemetery Board issued one license revocation at its most recent meeting Wednesday, January 11. Following is a summary of the Board's action.

Copies of file orders are available online at [www.dpor.virginia.gov](http://www.dpor.virginia.gov) under "License Lookup." Fines are deposited directly into the state Literary Fund, which is used solely for public education purposes such as school construction, renovation, and teacher retirement funding.

**ANN MARIE SAMUEL**

**WILLIAMSBURG, VA**

File Number 2006-02041

**VIOLATION** – Samuel furnished substantially inaccurate information to the Board in obtaining her salesperson license.

**BOARD ACTION** – Revocation of Salesperson License No. 4903003482.

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**About DPOR and the Cemetery Board:**

The Virginia Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation (DPOR) regulates over 30 commercial occupations and certain professions. The agency licenses or certifies more than 300,000 individuals and businesses ranging from architects and contractors to cosmetologists and professional wrestlers.

DPOR investigates reports of regulatory violations by licensees; pursues complaints of criminal activity by unlicensed practitioners; responds to business-related consumer inquiries and requests for license checks; administers recovery funds for consumers harmed in contractor or real estate transactions; and conducts mediation services and public awareness campaigns.

The Cemetery Board regulates for-profit cemeteries which provide perpetual care, as well as those that sell pre-need burial contracts and are required to maintain trust fund accounts. Family-owned and church cemeteries, and those owned and operated by localities, are exempt from licensure. The Board is composed of four cemetery operators, one local government representative, and two citizen members.

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